



# Dunblane Community Council

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## **Minutes of the meeting of the Dunblane Community Council, held on Monday, 1 February, 2010, in the Burgh Chambers, Dunblane.**

**Present:** Terence O'Byrne (Chairman), Sue Faulkner (Secretary), Lawrie Dewar (Treasurer), Craig French (Vice-Chairman), Frederic Gilmour, John Alexander, Angela Edgar, Charles McHugh, Kevin Curtin, Kate Fawcett.

**In attendance:** Councillors David Goss and Graham Houston, PC Simon Fraser, Moira Stewart, Clare Clark, Margaret Bragg (Minutes Secretary).

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies have been received from Alan Booth, who will be absent for three months.

### **2. Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman remarked that the main topic for the community council to consider this year will be the Local Development Plan. He also noted that elections to fill the three vacancies in the council will be held in March.

### **3. Minutes of the previous meeting of 7 December 2009**

These were approved, proposed by Kevin Curtin and seconded by Frederic Gilmour.

### **4. Matters arising**

Housing for the homeless The Chairman will ask Councillor Campbell for a reply to this question. **Action: The Chairman.**

George Street The Chairman will follow this up. **Action: The Chairman.** Kevin Curtin has had no reply from Darren Ryan and will follow this up. **Action: Kevin Curtin.**

Pavement in Wallace Road Following recent repairs to the road surface, the Secretary enquired of Councillor Goss what the criteria are for some parts to be skimmed smooth and others to be left. **Action: Councillor Goss.**

Festive Lights Committee This was taken forward to the next meeting.

Footpath to Ashfield Councillor Goss reiterated that he has been told there is no funding to repair it, although he agreed with John Alexander that it is dangerous. The Chairman agreed to inspect the damage and write to Bob Jack (Chief Executive, Stirling Council). **Action: The Chairman.**

Lane between George Street and Charles Street John Alexander agreed to show Councillor Goss the area needing repair. **Action: John Alexander and Councillor Goss.**

Huts at Barbush It was reported that the site huts are still there. (See under Correspondence.)

Sustainable Dunblane Energy Efficiency Project Kevin Curtin reported that letters have been sent to addresses in Dunblane explaining its purpose.

Bus stops at Glassingall and Keir roundabout The Secretary will follow this up. **Action: The Secretary.**

Grass at Mill Row car park Councillor Houston agreed to press for a commitment by Stirling Council to reinstate the grass when the weather improves. The Chairman also pointed out the need to repair the river footpath and Councillor Houston agreed to look into this. **Action: Councillor Houston**

George Street John Alexander reported on incidents in George Street and will encourage residents to report these to the police.

Nursing homes Councillor Houston reported that over the whole of the Stirling area, there are 608 beds, 75 of which are socially funded, and thus there is sufficient capacity overall, especially as the policy of the Council is to keep people in their own homes for as long as possible, until nursing care is required. However, he agreed, in response to a query from Angela Edgar, to find out the distribution of places as she felt they are centred mainly in Stirling while other areas, such as Dunblane, lack socially funded places. Councillor Houston pointed out that, although the Council might take some beds in any new development, nursing home owners are not obliged to make any socially funded beds available. However, all nursing homes have to meet minimum standards. Angela Edgar pointed out that, because of the lack of places in Dunblane, older people might have to relocate, making it difficult for friends and family to visit. **Action: Councillor Houston.**

**5. Police Report:** See attached.

PC Fraser confirmed that the incident mentioned at the last meeting had been followed up. In reply to a question from the Secretary he stated that drugs had been found following random stopping of people, and not following information given. A force-wide initiative had taken place in January targeting vehicle defects.

The Scottish Government has allocated funds to councils to target youth anti-social behaviour and PC Fraser was in the process of getting groups of young people together, in conjunction with the schools, to discuss projects in Dunblane aimed at them. Following a consultation meeting, held in the Dunblane Centre, there would be further meetings with local groups including the community council.

The Chairman brought PC Fraser's attention to an email he has received from a resident in Ramoyle who is still complaining about the volume of traffic using it as a through route.

PC Fraser agreed to the community council's suggestion that he make schoolchildren aware of the recent changes to the licensing laws by which they could now be prosecuted for under-age drinking and anyone buying alcohol for someone who is under-age could be sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

**6. Correspondence:** See attached.

1. It was noted that the Council's Enforcement Officer has judged that no enforcement measures to remove the huts can be taken. However, it was agreed that the Secretary will write to Allanwater Developments requesting that, if there was no development planned in the near future, they remove the huts, which are in a state of disrepair. **Action: The Secretary.**

6. This was passed to the Chairman.

8. Craig French questioned whether money for Christmas lights could be requested from the Community Pride Fund and the Treasurer confirmed that the Dunblane Development Trust has already applied to the fund for that purpose.

9. Moira Stewart, while pointing out the importance of the RSVP group, queried the reasons why they were no longer being allowed to use a room at the Burgh Chambers for storage. Councillor Houston agreed to pursue this. **Action: Councillor Houston.**

10. In reply to this, it was agreed that the Secretary will inform him that the community council is content that her previous letter addressed his complaint. **Action: The Secretary.**

13. This was passed to Craig French.

The Chairman has also received the following:

1. In reply to a request that double yellow no-parking lines be extended at the junction of Well Road with the Old Doune Road, he has been informed that this will be looked at in the next financial year.

2. He received notices of road races to be held in May and August this year.

3. Stirling Council has sent a consultation document on renewable energy and wind turbines.

4. An email has been received from Julie Proctor in Ramoyle, requesting further parking restrictions as in a recent incident an ambulance was unable to drive through and had to reverse. It was agreed that the Chairman will request more details and the Treasurer will investigate "sleeping policeman" mats. **Action: The Chairman, the Treasurer.**

**7. Treasurer's Report:** See attached.

The Treasurer brought to the attention of the meeting the application to the Community Pride Fund of the Royal British Legion who are looking to raise £5,850 to refurbish the war memorial. Although not requesting funding directly from the community council, a discussion followed whether this should be supported financially, in view of the importance of the work. However, as most of the money needed has already been raised, it was agreed, in the first instance, to wait until all other avenues of funding have been exhausted by the British Legion before a decision on funding was taken.

**8. Development Trust Report**

The Treasurer reported on the Extraordinary General Meeting held by the DDT on 30 January and the progress made since the AGM in September on the adoption of a revised agreement with Kippendavie Group Trust, which still has to be ratified by the latter. Following the EGM discussion groups were held.

The new Directors have settled in and Bryan Grieve and Sandy Mackay have resigned. Following the EGM, the Treasurer stood down as Acting Chairman of the DDT and a new Chairman will be elected at its next meeting on 15 February.

The Treasurer expressed the opinion that the High Street project, which has been fully endorsed by the Directors, will have a positive impact on Dunblane. The Development Trust has to be in ownership for at least six years before they could consider selling it, but it is expected that the rents will raise an income for the Trust, allowing it to start new projects. However, the community council expressed surprise when he informed the meeting that construction should start before April and encouraged the DDT to publicise this more, in the *Allanwater News*.

**9. Planning Report:** See attached.

With reference to the proposed development at Wester Cambushinne, it was agreed not to object, but to raise the question of heavy construction traffic using the weak bridge at Cromlix.

The Chairman stated that he was minded to write to Lynne Currie, Planning Enforcement Officer, about the road at Pisgah which has been narrowed by mud.

Public meeting on the LDP In his report on the meeting held on 25 January at the High School on the Local Development Plan (LDP), the Chairman stated that the clear opinion of those present was that they did not wish any further major development in Dunblane. After a discussion about social rented housing, and the realisation that these would not necessarily be allocated to people from Dunblane, the view of the meeting had been to support the building of affordable small houses and flats. Parking had also been discussed and the Chairman and Councillor Houston agreed to meet to discuss extending time restrictions to Saturday on the High Street.

It was agreed by the community council that the community survey held last year was not large enough to be statistically significant to support the view that the population of Dunblane wanted to call a halt to further development. After a discussion on how best to survey households in Dunblane it was agreed that the Chairman will contact the *Allanwater News*, asking them to print an article about this, with a short questionnaire the answers to which would be sent to a designated email address. Craig French agreed to draft a couple of paragraphs, expressing a balanced view of the options, and will forward this to the Chairman, while Kate Fawcett also felt it would be useful to canvass opinion of people in the High Street. **Action: Craig French.**

Gladman's proposed development at Barbush An exhibition will be in the library for two days this week, outlining the proposal to build a supermarket, with petrol station, and offices on their site at Barbush. Concerns were expressed about the present Tesco's site, if it were to relocate to the new development, and it was agreed that the Chairman will contact the Planning Department about rezoning this site as part of the town centre, thus giving it greater protection. The Chairman will draft a response to Gladman's questionnaire and will email it round the community councillors. He also urged everyone to go to the library and answer the questionnaire individually. **Action: The Chairman.**

**10. Report of Meetings:** There was none.

**11. Councillors' Reports**

Councillor Houston commended the work of those who had gritted the roads during the recent bad weather, although also noted that Stirling Council had struggled to obtain sufficient supplies of grit at times. However, all schools had remained open, except for those with broken pipes, and all social care in people's homes had been fulfilled, although there were delays. How the Council coped would be the subject of an investigation. A survey is being undertaken into the repairs needed to roads and pavements and the Chairman urged everyone to report major potholes to the Council either by phone or by using their website. The Chairman also reported on sand dumped in Argyle Way.

Councillor Goss reported on the planned transport routes to the new Larbert hospital. There will be buses from Stirling every 20 minutes and free buses from Larbert station every 15 minutes. However, he noted that approval for the hospital did not include improving roads to it, which is, therefore, not the responsibility of the builder.

**12. AOCB**

John Alexander reported on the burst pipes in the Laighills pavilion, the cost of the repairs for which will be covered by the Council's insurance. However, it is hoped to apply for grants to provide frost heaters by next winter.

The Chairman noted that the next meeting will be on 1 March and elections for the community council will take place at the end of March.

Angela Edgar brought to the meeting's attention the Scottish Government's approval for the Denny-Beaully powerline with 60 pylons being visible from Stirling Castle and no undergrounding in the Kinbuck area.

The meeting ended at 9.55 p.m.

This is a true representation of the meeting.

Terence O'Byrne ..... Date.....  
Chairman

Sue Faulkner ..... Date .....

Secretary

## POLICE REPORT FOR DUNBLANE COMMUNITY COUNCIL DEC/JAN 10

### DECEMBER

There were a total of 18 crimes reported during December.

Detected – there were a total of 12 detected crimes reported, these included 2 Assaults, 3 Breach of the Peace (including a young male for his conduct outside Tesco), a Theft, 2 drugs possession cases, a person who was drunk and incapable, a youth who was charged for hoax calls to a number of houses in Dunblane, a person who was charged for urinating within the Laighills and a Swiss national who purchased alcohol for a young female who was found unconscious in the snow as a result of consuming the alcohol.

Undetected – there were a total of 6 undetected crimes reported, these include 4 Thefts (2 from houses) and 2 Vandalism.

#### Road Traffic

There were 5 road traffic cases in December, these included 2 drivers who were speeding, a driver not using a seat belt, a driver who ran a red light and a vehicle that had no road tax.

28 Parking tickets were issued in Dunblane for the month of December 2009

#### Offence Breakdown

Offence	Number of tickets issued
Parked in bus stop	4
Parked on double yellow lines	8
Failing to display valid ticket	8
Failing to display current excise	2
Exceeding 60 minutes waiting time	6

### JANUARY

There were a total of 13 reported crimes during the month of January.

There were 7 detected crimes, which included 3 Assaults, 2 Breach of the Peace, a theft and a person charged in relation to playing loud music.

There were 6 undetected crimes reported, which included 4 Theft, a Vandalism and a Public Indecency.

#### Road Traffic

There were a total of 18 road traffic cases during January, which included 6 drivers who were not wearing a seatbelt, a driver who parked within a Zebra crossing, a driver who was caught drink driving, a speeding driver, a vehicle with no road tax, a vehicle with no MOT and 7 vehicles that were stopped with defects.

17 Parking tickets were issued in Dunblane for the month of January 2010.

Offence Breakdown

Offence	Number of tickets issued
Permit holder zone	1
Exceeding 60 minutes waiting time	7
Failing to display current excise	6
Parked in disabled bay	2
Parked on double yellow lines	1

**Correspondence received since last meeting (December 09)**

<b>No</b>	<b>.Dated</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>subject</b>	<b>regarding</b>
1	8.12.09	Mark Totten	Barbush Care home	state of building site
2	17.12.08	Graham Houston	LDP meeting	
3	17.12.09	Stirling Council	20mph speed limit	Smithy Loan
4	17.12.09	Stirling Council	one way system	Smithy Loan
5	6.1.10	Stirling Council	Provision of Minuting support	
6	8.1.10	Scottish Natural Heritage	Kippenrait Glen	SSSI
7	8.1.10	Stirling Council	road closure	Ramoyle
8	27.1.10	Stirling Council	Community Pride Fund	application form
9	25.1.10	Moira Stewart (RSVP)	Burgh Chambers	notice to quit
10	22.1.10	Ken Mitchell	LDP meeting	
11	27.1.10	Gladman	Barbush	food store proposal
12	.undated	Notts Sport Ltd	sports pitch	advertising
13	undated	Fun Time Carnivals Ltd	funfair rides	advertising

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## **Treasurers Report**

29<sup>th</sup> January 2010

'Administration Account'	00347702
Expenditure since last report	£96.70
Interest	£0.11
Account balance to date 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2010	<u>£662.12</u>

'Community Fund'	00347753
Expenditure since last report	Nil
Income since last report	Nil
Interest	£0.04
Account balance to date 29 <sup>th</sup> January	<u>£201.00</u>

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Lawrie Dewar, Treasurer, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

Lawrie Dewar  
Treasurer

## MONTHLY REPORT – February 2010.

### New Planning Applications received since last meeting

It is considered that the following applications have no implications for Dunblane as a whole and it is recommended that we leave it to the neighbour notification system to identify any local objections that there may be: Extensions at 70 Ochiltree and 70 Roman Way, Conservatory at 8 Tannahill Tce and Durnadoch St Margaret's Drive. Renewal of temporary consent for outbuildings at the Health Centre. Convert garage to extension at 49 Newton Crescent

An outline application for 5/6 houses at Wester Cambushinne has been received, this will be discussed at tonight's meeting

### **Progress on Planning Action Log Items since last meeting.**

No decisions on the 3 townhouses at the Stirling Arms, 2 new houses at Park Cottage.

### **Other Planning Matters**

A public meeting was held at the High School to discuss the LDP process and ascertain views of those present. Up to 140 people attended at very short notice. There was a clear opinion expressed that Dunblane had had enough major development in the last 15 years and that further major developments would not be welcome.

There is a need for affordable housing, after much discussion the opinion formed was that if this was provided in the form of social rented housing then it would probably not benefit Dunblane residents due to allocation rules. It was thought that it might be more appropriate to build small flats and houses for sale. Concerns were expressed that housing for the elderly was grossly inadequate with far too few funded nursing home places.

The health centre is at full capacity, the primary schools are beyond optimum capacity and are getting close to being full. Capacity in the Water and Sewage systems was available, this seemed to be for an extra 500 residents for water and an extra 1000 for sewage.

It was felt that the Green Belt should be protected.

The Main Issues Report is due at the end of April, it will be followed by an 8 weeks consultation period which will include road shows and a public meeting

Terence O'Byrne